

Religion In Review for Year 1971 Points up Shifting Patterns

By Norman B. Rohrer, Director
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Like the shifting patterns of a kaleidoscope, the events of 1971 altered the face of American religion in unprecedented ways.

Religious headlines gave top billing to the Jesus revolution, the charismatic movement among Roman Catholics, prayer in public schools and federal aid to private schools.

Bibles blossomed under the arms of youth as a real and genuine movement of God's Spirit rolled across the land, but the seeds of heresy lay in the amorphous Jesus movement. From Broadway's rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" to the garish movie ads announcing in bold letters over motorcycles: "The Jesus Trip," the name was exploited. The top forty tunes included "Amazing Grace," "Spirit in

the Sky," and "Put Your Hand in the Hand of the Man from Galilee." Hollywood seized the name for commercial gain, but thousands of young people were baptized. They waded into oceans for mass baptisms, gathered in home churches for Bible study, and

found a way out of their hang-ups with drugs.

Roman Catholics began moving from a liturgical to a personal confrontation with Jesus Christ. It began with an acceptance by Catholic laymen of the vernacular in the Mass,

resulting in a new approach to catechetical training which led to changed lives radiating the joy of Jesus Christ. Some 4,000 Catholic Pentecostals gathered at Notre Dame to sing a new song to a Church they believed needs to find renewal through

the Spirit. Increasing numbers hoped that the Pentecostal revival would restore a needed balance between piety and theology.

Trends
This was the year when venereal disease raced out of control in the

wake of new sexual freedom. Homosexuals demanded, and received, permission to "marry" by "adopting" each other and to serve as pastors of gay congregations. New abortion laws were termed a "new barbarism," and the theology of ecology consumed the zeal of increasing numbers of Americans.

The curtain fell on a decade of war in Vietnam. America's toll: 54,500 GIs dead (45,000 killed in actual combat); 300,000 wounded; and a monetary expenditure that produced fiscal chaos.

Some 12,000 people every day... seven people every minute... died somewhere in the world of 1971 from starvation or extreme malnutrition, according to Larry Ward, president of Food for the Hungry. But evangelicals increasingly added social concern to their orthodoxy, as seen in the global relief efforts of the World Relief Commission and other agencies.

A Chicago educator found the average American in 1971 "more confused... more frustrated," despite unprecedented technological advances. TV commercials kicked the smoking habit, but cigarette sales continued to rise. Crime also was up. Lutheran Hour radio speaker Oswald Hoffmann found the nation without joy.

An economic slump had a beneficial fallout: More people in the inner-city were returning to church. A national opinion poll showed that 47 per cent of Americans believed inflation, unemployment, division, and big business will destroy the nation's civil order.

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'Becoming' Controversy Is Voted Top Baptist Story

NASHVILLE (BP)—A controversy which erupted after Southern Baptist Sunday School Board officials decided to withhold and revise a church training quarterly because of its racial content was voted the top news story of the year concerning Southern Baptists by editors of 32 Baptist state papers across the country.

The top ten news stories of the year concerning Baptists were selected by the editors in a poll conducted by Baptist Press, the news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In a point system ranking stories in order, one through 10, the editors gave

248 votes to the controversy surrounding the decision by Sunday School Board officials to withhold and revise "Becoming," a church training quarterly for teenagers, because they felt misunderstandings would result from its racial content.

In reaction to the decision, board officials said they received the most mail response in the shortest time period. Baptist state conventions adopted resolutions expressing varying degrees of displeasure over the decision, the editor of the publication resigned in the wake of the decision by his superiors, and board officials

issued statements blaming the press with distorting the issue.

Fifty points separated the number one story from the number two story of the year. Others ranked by the editors were:

2. Non-denominational prayer amendment defeated in Congress by close vote; Baptist leaders oppose prayer amendment; SBC adopts resolution opposing amendment. (198 points)

3. The Jesus Movement involves Baptists; raised question on how church will respond; numerous Baptists

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1971 State Budget Exceeded

"Thank the Good Lord!" and "Thank the churches in Mississippi!" That was your Executive Secretary-Treasurer's instant response on Friday morning, December 31, when tabulation of Cooperative Program receipts passed our 1971 budget goal of \$4,265,000.01.

Continuing he said:

"The rejoicing on the part of Mr. Nelson, our Comptroller, and the personnel in the Business Office as the final figures for 1971 were compiled was something I wish could have been witnessed by every Mississippi Baptist!"

"Well might we have rejoiced, be-

cause for the first time in several years our people had exceeded their mission giving objective.

"To our God be the glory, and to our loyal people be our gratitude and appreciation."

"This budget victory for 1971 means that our colleges, the Children's Village, the hospital, our own State Mission endeavors, and missionary activity throughout the world will get their full allocations for the year."

"We now set ourselves to a sizable increase for 1972. God's blessings are without number—the economy seems a little more encouraging and the responsibilities of stewardship are being felt by more and more of our people."

"Our mission responsibility round the world mounts each week. Let us pray for continuing response to our mission giving."

BIRMINGHAM CHURCH ANNOUNCES ANDREW TAMPLING AS NEW PASTOR

BIRMINGHAM (BP)—Andrew W. Tampling, pastor of First Baptist Church in Sylacauga, Ala., has been named pastor of the First Baptist Church of Birmingham.

Tampling was called as pastor about 16 months after the church was split over the refusal of a majority of the members to admit blacks as members, and over the role of the pastor in integrating the church.

Herbert J. Gilmore, then pastor of the church, has since become pastor of the Baptist Church of the Covenant, a new congregation formed from a nucleus of First Baptist members who left the church in protest of the rejection of black members.

To Lay Conspiracy

New Brotherhood Leader Committed

By Jack U. Harwell

MEMPHIS (BP)—The newest Southern Baptist Convention agency head is committed to creating a new conspiracy among Southern Baptist laymen.

Glendon McCullough, executive secretary of the SBC Brotherhood Commission here, calls it "a conspiracy of concern."

McCullough, a native of Georgia, will push that conspiracy with everything at his disposal in his new job of leading the laymen's involvement organization of the SBC.

"I don't have a lot of pre-conceived ideas about where Baptist men's work will go under new leadership," McCullough said in an interview just before he left his position in Atlanta as personnel director for the SBC Home Mission Board to assume the Memphis post.

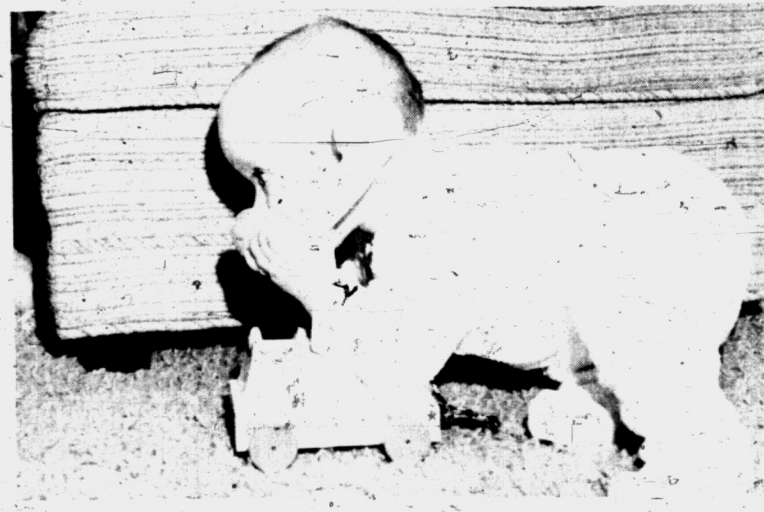
McCullough is spending the first few weeks on the job here with Brotherhood Commission staff members, state Brotherhood secretaries, mission board executives, editors and everyone else who has ideas about improving Baptist men's work.

McCullough, however, has some strong ideas about ways to more effectively involve laymen in the life of the church; but he is open to listen to the views of others before jelling new commission policies.

One of his strongest views is that "Southern Baptist men desperately need to form a conspiracy of concern—a concern that takes us beyond the 'conspiracy of fellowship,' the polite agreement to get along and the

"We need to quit calling our Baptist laymen back to the churches to prop them up as institutions," he continued enthusiastically. "We must learn to be glad that they are out in the workaday world, where they have

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I'm Calling To Say "Happy New Year!"

"Father, let me dedicate all this year to Thee, in whatever worldly state Thou wilt have me be. Not from sorrow, pain, or care, freedom dare I claim. This alone shall be my prayer: Glorify Thy name."—Joseph Barney (Photo by Orville Andrews)

Billy Graham Outlines New Plans for Association in Interview

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham will become "Ambassador" Billy Graham in January when he represents President Nixon at the inauguration of Dr. William

Mr. Graham indicated he was elated to be going to Liberia since he is a long-time friend of Dr. Tolbert, a Baptist minister and former presi-

dent of the Baptist World Alliance.

Some observers feel that Dr. Tolbert is the emerging leader of black Africa, Mr. Graham said. He also noted that black Africa is "turning to Christianity very rapidly" with

Mr. Graham recently met with 300 of his staff leaders from around the world at a conference center in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. The board of



January Is Designated As 'Make Your Will Month'

By Carey E. Cox, Secretary
Mississippi Baptist Foundation

For many years Southern Baptists have designated the month of January as "Make Your Will Month." The theme for this year's emphasis is "Committed To Eternal Stewardship."

Christian stewardship is not limited to what we present to the Lord's treasury each Sunday. We are guilty of making segments of our lives with only certain parts designated as spiritual and for God's service.

But we must not forget that all will give an account to Him for the total of life. We are as responsible to God for how we leave an estate as for how we make it. That which we leave when we die can make it more difficult to win victories for Christ or it can continue to give strength and support to His work. The stewardship of the estate is as important as any other aspect of Christian stewardship.

Your final gift for the Lord's work should be made through your will. A will is the way a Christian can continue to serve the Lord here after he has gone to dwell with Him. It is the sure way of perpetuating your wishes. Only you know what you want done with that which the Lord has blessed you.

At the present time there are wills in probate which will ultimately release to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation for the Lord's work a total of \$157,500.00. None of this would be channeled into the Lord's work without a Christian will.

The Mississippi Baptist Foundation

is your service channel through which Christian resources and Christian love may continue to build the Kingdom. The Mississippi Baptist Foundation is the denominational agency through which many wonderful Christians, who are now with the Lord, continue to educate young people, minister to children, heal the sick, preach, sing and serve on mission fields. Mississippi Baptists have many agencies and institutions.

We are also jointly supporting many institutions and mission boards beyond our state borders. As a result of

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Home Board Missionary Dies Following Battle With Cancer

ATLANTA (BP)—Albert Casteel, who fought cancer for more than a year, believed that death would be his greatest victory—his finest hour. He died Dec. 18 at age 42.

Casteel, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board missionary to Montana and Puerto Rico, was buried Dec. 21 after funeral services at Elm Grove Baptist Church in Eastern, Ind., where he once served as pastor.

Casteel, who left the Home Mission Board on medical leave in 1970, had been disabled since last April.

In 1958 he went to Montana as a pioneer pastoral-missionary with the HMB church extension department. He went to Puerto Rico in 1966 as a

language missionary to the Spanish-speaking people with the HMB language-mission department and worked there until 1970.

In early 1971, after almost a year of medical tests, his illness was diagnosed as incurable cancer. In a widely circulated article Casteel wrote, "Many have written asking about my attitude toward life since, at the age of 40 with a devoted wife and four lovely children, my year-long illness was diagnosed as incurable cancer."

"We (he and his wife Barbara) were not angry with anyone, and least of all, God. Our attitude was based upon our concept of God as a personal, all-wise, ever-present, comforting,

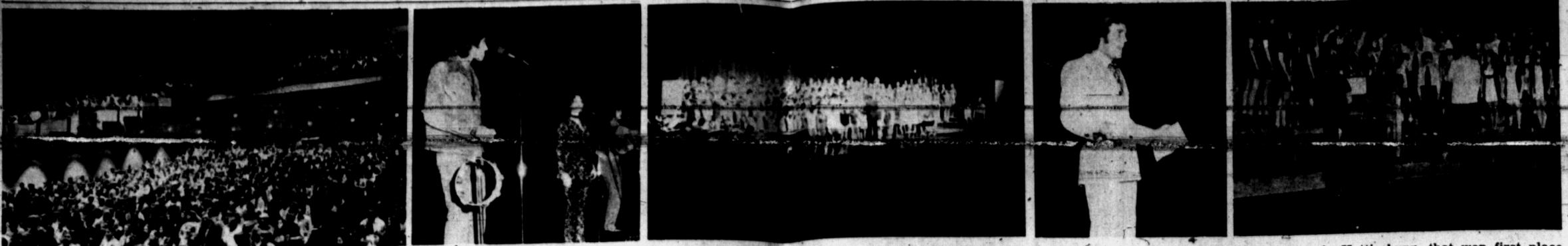
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the world, Mr. Graham revealed. Its income will be used to aid Christian education, small seminaries, Bible schools and hospitals.

New chairman of the Billy Graham Association succeeding Mr. Graham, is William Mead of Dallas, who heads the largest bakery firm in the U.S. The evangelist said he is "relieved" that the association is "possible to use in preaching and writing."

His brother-in-law, Leighton Ford,

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Picture at extreme left, taken in Jackson's City Auditorium, shows the large crowd of youth from every section of the state who attended the recent State Baptist Youth Convention held in Jackson. Second photo is that of Trio from Houston, Texas "Spireno" team that rendered special music. Third pic-

ture shows mass sacred choir that rendered special music at Monday evening session, under direction of John Wilson of Chicago. Fourth photo is that of principal speaker at Convention, Rev. Richard Hogue of Houston, director of "Spireno" team, as he preaches in City Auditorium. Last picture

shows youth choir of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, that won first place in Festival and sang at closing session.

State Baptist Youth Convention Brings Climactic Year To Close.

The annual Mississippi Baptist Youth Convention, held Dec. 27-28 in Jackson, came to a highly successful close on Tuesday evening when about 150 young people responded to an opportunity for life commitment given by Rev. Richard Hogue, principal speaker for the Convention.

Mr. Hogue, 25-year-old director of "Spireno" (Spiritual Revolution Now) of Houston, Texas, has been called by many as "God's Man for the 'now' Generation."

Kermit S. King, director of the Church Training Department, said attendance reached nearly 3000 and that "he felt that it was a good Convention."

The day-time sessions were held at the First Baptist Church with both

evening meetings held in the City Auditorium.

This year's convention was marked by several new features and the appearance of a large number of well-known and dedicated Christian leaders from over the United States, according to Norman Rodgers, associate in the State Baptist Church Training Department and Larry Black, minister of music of First Baptist Church, Jackson, co-chairmen of the event.

Monday afternoon prior to the Youth Convention the state Youth Choir Festival and state Youth Speakers' Tournament was held in First Baptist Church. Winning choirs and the best speakers appeared on the Convention program.

Rick Van Egmond, minister of

music, First Baptist Church, Amory was chairman of the choir festival.

The Convention began at 7:00 o'clock Monday evening in the City Auditorium with Mr. Black presiding. "Sing 'n' Celebrate" was under the direction of Billy Ray Hearn, of Word Records, Waco, Texas, who directed congregational music for the Convention.

"Shepherds Rejoice," a Christmas musical, was presented by a mass choir under the direction of John Wilson, of Chicago, who composed the score.

Choirs from several churches in the state sang, the "3-N-1" trio, also of the "Spireno" team, composed of Dave Smith, Mary Mauldin and Bill Landers.

Several programs were rendered by

"Truth," a group of dedicated young singers from Mobile, Ala.

Following the regular program each evening came the "Afta Hours," which included the Coffee House, recreation and a Billy Graham motion picture, "The Lost Generation," at First Baptist Church.

Welcome was given by Dr. Larry Rohman, host pastor.

Features included youth testimonies, presentation of festival winners, "Laugh Time," and a group of simultaneous conferences.

The closing session on Tuesday night in the auditorium began at 7:00 with Billy Jack Green, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Columbia, presiding.

The opening music was by "Truth" singers, of Mobile, Ala., followed by

"Sing 'n' Celebrate" and the presentation of the first place winner of the Youth Choir Festival, First Baptist of Hattiesburg, under direction of James Hayes.

The "Afta - Hours" included the Coffee House, recreation and another showing of Billy Graham film, "The Lost Generation."

The conferences were led by outstanding adult leaders from over the state, with Bible study conducted in the chapel by Dr. Phillips McCarty, assistant professor of Bible and Mississippi College.

The four winning Festival choirs received trophies and sang on the Convention program. They were as follows:

First place — Youth choir of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, James Hayes,

director. They won the coveted honor for the second straight year.

Second place — First Church, Greenville, youth choir, Kenneth Forbus, director; third place — youth choir, First Church, Kosciusko, Derrell Billingsley, director; fourth place — Girl's Ensemble, First Church, Pontotoc, Mrs. Levon Moore, director.

Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department, said that "response to the State Youth Choral Festival and the Youth Convention was overwhelming. An air of expectancy and spiritual concern prevailed from the beginning to the end."

The convention is sponsored jointly by the Church Training Department and the Church Music Department, both of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson.

'Becoming' Controversy Is Top Story

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tist churches report youth-led revivals with record responses. (186 points)

4. Broadman Bible Commentary controversy continues in SBC; Sunday School Board votes to ask original writers to revise materials; SBC in St. Louis requests board to obtain a new writer; Clyde Francisco agrees to accept assignment. (160 points)

5. Baptists express concern on ra-

cial reconciliation; W. A. Criswell calls rejection of Negroes "manifest hypocrisy"; South Carolina church fires pastor in racial disagreement; 13 state conventions deal with race question; SBC Christian Life Commission urges open door racial practices. (80 points)

6. Six state conventions debate "messenger" requirements including church affiliation with association, alien immersion, baptism and open

communion practices of some churches. (88 points)

7. U. S. Supreme Court prohibits parochial school aid but permits some aid to colleges and universities; President Nixon pledges efforts to work for tax aid for parochial schools; President's panel on private education a for aid; OEO vouchers aid experiments continue; several state Baptist Conventions oppose such aid. (87 points)

8. Statistical projections indicate 1971 is second highest year in SBC baptisms; Houston church baptizes more than 1,600 for new record; numerous churches, several state conventions report record responses in revivals and baptisms. (80 points)

What To Do About A Mountain

By V. Carney Hargroves
President, Baptist World Alliance

"Now, therefore, give me this mountain." — Joshua 14:12a

When Jesus spoke of sheep he was talking about people. When he referred to seed he was illustrating human potential. When he mentioned pearls he was describing material values. When he talked about mountain he suggested handicaps and difficulties. If we think of mountains as having this symbolism they can provide challenges and incentives for achievement.

After the escape of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage they wandered for many years in the wilderness. In time the leaders laid out an imaginary map of the Promised Land and divided it into twelve parts. Caleb, the tribal leader who many years before had brought a favorable report about the country, made a request concerning the place that he and his people were to occupy. In substance he said: "Give me a mountain, I am still strong, I can manage the difficult, I want something that will challenge me."

George Sadler, a strong, handsome, young man decided to become a missionary. He wondered where he might serve best since there were openings and opportunities in all the continents.

One day he heard a speaker say: "In Africa the climate is unbearable, the people are backward, there is disease and suffering, the mission fields in Africa are the most difficult in the world." Sadler made his decision. He selected the hardest and most unpromising field, not the easiest and safest. Today George Sadler is an honored man for the way he has served and continues to serve the Lord.

Arthur Duff grew up in old China and as a child was weak and sickly. He asked his father to buy weights for him. By lifting them regularly and by walking vigorously in the Lushan Hills he developed his muscles. When I knew him he was a picture of health and some said "He is the strongest man in this part of China."

For many years audiences applauded Toscanini as one of the world's greatest conductors. Most of them did not know that he was nearsighted. He could not read a score unless he held it close to his eyes. He overcame this handicap by memorizing the scores.

There are many ways to contend with a mountain, whatever form the mountain may take. One calls for effort, another for sacrifice, another for persistence. Jesus said you also need faith and if you have it you accomplish great things — even to moving the mountains out of your way.

9. Baptist-Catholic interaction step-up; dialogue in Daytona Beach, Fla. involves local leaders for first time; W. A. Criswell visits pope, urges love toward Catholics; Synod of Bishops in Rome reveals Baptists, Catholics face similar human frailties; Catholic nun named fellow at Baptist seminary. (71 points)

10. Youth involvement in SBC increases; several state conventions, SBC agencies appoint student participants on boards; students make inspirational presentation at SBC in St. Louis; White House Conference on Youth has implications for Baptists. (69 points)

The balloting included returns from 32 of 39 editors of Baptist state papers and bureaus of Baptist Press. The news service has bureaus in five offices, plus two national staff members.

While 50 points separated the number one story from all others, the margin narrowed to only one vote separating the fifth and sixth stories and two votes difference between the ninth and tenth stories.

No criteria were given the editors. Each voted on his own judgment of what he considered "the most newsworthy developments concerning Southern Baptists during 1971."



New SBC Agency Discusses Ecumenical Role With Governor: Glendon McCullough (right), the new executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, discusses his views on needs to involve laymen in the church and world with Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter, a Baptist layman and member of the commission, and with Georgia Brotherhood Secretary Bernard D. King (left). — (BP) Photo

New Brotherhood Leader

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their greatest expertise. And we must learn how to undergird them for the greatest possible witness out there where they live and work."

McCullough, a graduate of Brewton-Parker College, Baylor University, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, added that his most urgent feeling at present "is to convey to Southern Baptists everywhere that exciting things are going on in the world of Christianity and that we can get laymen excited about being involved in them."

He cited the lay witness movement as an example of the "exciting things" that are happening.

"Renewal is breaking in on us in a million flashes of spiritual lightning," he said. "Now, as in the early church, the laymen are the 'lightning rods' for the reception of such unleashed power."

Digging even deeper into the significance of the renewal movement, McCullough said in an interview published in Home Missions Magazine that church renewal through the laity is an area which commands itself to the Brotherhood Commission for leadership.

He observed that the number of lay people who have had strong feelings for church renewal and who have gone outside the denomination to give it expression underscores the need for

such a ministry by the commission.

"If we can provide an environment for this type of renewal within the churches, I believe we will have just as tremendous a response as other denominations have had, as well as the interdenominational organizations, he said.

A lot depends upon understanding the theological base for the roles of the pastor and the laity, he continued. "The pastor does have more theological training, but that doesn't mean laymen can't carry out projects even he could not carry out. They can complement each other."

Saying Baptists have tended to make the pastor a business manager or executive, taking him out of the prophetic role, McCullough emphasized that it might be more precise to see the role of the pastor as equipping the laity for their unique role in the world.

"The laity are already in the world, and we must equip them for their role there as witnessing, professing Christians," McCullough said. "We must strengthen their concept of ministry when they are apart from the fellowship, for this is where they spend most of their time and where their witness is most needed."

"In reverse," he continued, "we strip the pastor of his equipping ministry by expecting him to enter the world and function as a layman, but because he is paid clergy, his witness

is not half as effective as that of his laity. The effect is that we neutralize the ministry of both."

The Brotherhood Commission needs to help lead Southern Baptists to understand these unique roles pastors and laymen can play in renewal, and to get away from an institutional approach.

"This is not the decade of institutionalized organizations," he declared. "If we are just going to have eating meetings and plan a few one-shot projects and put a lot of names on Brotherhood rolls so we can make a good annual report, I am not interested. And I don't think our Baptist men are interested."

"Laymen need to be full partners in the mainstream of the church's life," he stated. "They can cut new highways in the jungles of modern society. We need to excite their concern and mobilize their unique skills and God-breathed gifts in life-changing ways."

McCullough, who spent 10 years as Georgia Baptists' first Royal Ambassador secretary and six years as pastor and associate pastor of Georgia churches, gave several specific examples:

"Baptists have got to redefine witness as a venture of faith into the full spectrum of man's need," he said. "And the Brotherhood Commission ought to lead out in the campaign."

He also cited church bus ministries as an example of an avenue of witness and outreach through which laymen can serve in "the full spectrum of man's need," as well as first person witnessing efforts.

"I am talking about a renewal that changes the style and pace of daily life into a celebration of Christian freedom," he added. This kind of renewal could bring about a revolution in the churches that springs from a nationwide conspiracy of concern."

It could revitalize Brotherhood work, as well as Royal Ambassador programs, and influence the whole church. "While men in general carry the leadership role in the churches, the Royal Ambassadors have lacked leadership because the men were not sold on this concept of involvement," McCullough said of the Brotherhood's assignment to direct work with boys in the Royal Ambassador program.

"As far as providing leadership for youth organizations, undergirding mission programs financially and participating in mission action, there remains a desperate need for men to be involved," he said.

"I don't know whether they really haven't been able to see this, or whether we haven't communicated the concepts, but there is a breakdown somewhere," he lamented.

But McCullough is committed to trying to correct the breakdown, even if it takes leading a nation-wide conspiracy of concern among Baptist laymen.

Home Board Missionary Dies

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and sustaining being. Having believed in this truth for most of our lives, we were better fortified to accept this grim prospect without anger and with an attitude of profound trust in God.

"Indeed, I have already been rewarded in many ways. For example we are told that in the normal life-time of a missionary, he may expect to establish six or eight new churches. The Lord has richly blessed my hum-

ble efforts in that we have seen the beginning of a dozen churches, and 2000 persons have professed faith in Christ as Saviour.

"Life itself is the greatest miracle. Human existence for just one day or one hour is something miraculous. And the Christian faith gives this assurance of eternal, never-ending life. Each minute that ticks by makes me realize that all time is under the administration of God."

Casteel is survived by his wife, the former Barbara Jean Knorr of Maumee, Ohio; four children, and two

oster-daughters from Puerto Rico. A native of Lewisville, Ind., Casteel helped in organizing the first association in Indiana and pastored the Elm Grove Baptist Church in Eastern. He also helped establish new churches in Illinois and Ohio.

While in Montana in 1964, he served on the Executive Board of the Colorado Baptist Convention, which includes Montana.

He was a graduate of Ball State University, Muncie, Ind., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

Give me a Light that I may tread safely into the unknown!

And he replied: Go out into the darkness and put thine hand into the hand of God. That shall be to thee better than light and safer than a known way.

Mead Paper Award

Ronald Fiehrer of the Mead Paper Company presented the "Mead Award of Merit" to James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and W. O. Thomason, director of the board's book store division.

Presented for the 1972 Baptist Book Store Catalog, the award was given in recognition of excellence in graphic arts communication, for excellence in design, illustration, photography, printing and the overall ability to communicate.

The citation represents recognition among several hundred entries in the competition during August, 1971. As one of the monthly award winners, the Baptist Book Store catalog is now entitled to compete for the year National Award given by Mead.

A large number of Indian congregations have Indian pastors and the number of native pastors is increasing.

The ministry of the Home Mission Board reaches at least fifty Indian tribes.

There are 325 American Indian congregations affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Looking for a soft job is the job of a soft man.

The practical gift is one you can find.

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what others have done and are doing through wills and trusts the Mississippi Baptist Foundation regularly mails checks to most of the areas of our denominational program. Several of the wills which have been written during the past year designate the earnings from a part or all of the estate to be allocated to the Cooperative Program.

Today literally thousands of elderly Baptist couples are without children and many more elderly people have children who do not need the total of their estate. These constitute a potential flood of support for various denominational agencies and institutions. Without a will, all of this is lost to the cause of Christ.

It is a tragedy that more than seventy per cent of the people who die annually, die without a will. They often leave a sizable estate which will be eroded through years of probate. The decease of a husband without a will leaving a young widow and children is often a tragedy. In such experiences, the mother will have to be made the guardian of her own children, will receive only a child's share of the estate and be faced with many other difficulties which she could have been spared through a well prepared will.

Your Mississippi Baptist Foundation

stands ready without cost to you to counsel with you on the important matters of wills and trusts. We have a legal firm on a retainer basis and secure the services of other attorneys in our state.



Baptist Foundation Elects Officers

New officers for 1972 were elected by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation in a meeting held recently at the Baptist Building in Jackson. Seated, from left: E. L. Herring, Jackson, vice-president; J. W. Barfield, Jackson, president; A. L. Boone, Winona, chairman, Executive Committee; Carroll H. Kennedy, Brandon, member Executive Committee; Grady Doss, Eupora, member Executive Committee. Standing: Dr. John H. Traylor Jr., Gulfport; D. L. Simmons, Jackson; Rev. Carey E. Cox, Jackson, Executive Secretary, and Dr. Brooks Wester, Hattiesburg. The full Board of Trustees is seen above with exception of C. J. Kees, Jr. of Magee.



Miss Zadeen Walton, seated, receives her 21-year pin for service with the Baptist Foundation, as Mrs. Don R. Baker pins it on. Don R. Baker, right, of Leland, member of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Foundation for 12 years (president of the Board for the past two years and formerly vice president of the Board for six years) was presented a plaque.

21 Years

Foundation Honors Miss Walton

By Anne McWilliams

The Mississippi Baptist Foundation's annual luncheon for trustees and wives at Jackson's Sun and Sand in December produced a surprise for Miss Zadeen Walton. The organization, Rev. Carey Cox, executive secretary, presented to her an exquisite pin, recognizing her faithfulness, capability, and loyalty in 21 years of dedicated service to the Foundation. The gold leaf-shaped pin is set with a diamond.

From November 16, 1950, until January 1, 1967, Miss Walton was both

office secretary and bookkeeper for the Foundation. Since Mrs. James Crawford joined the staff in 1967 as office secretary and bookkeeper in charge of operating funds, Miss Walton has handled the bookkeeping of endowment and trust funds.

Her employment with the Convention Board began February 1, 1950, and she worked jointly with the Rural Church Department and Temperance Department before transferring to the Foundation later that year.

Born in Neshoba County, she is the daughter of the late LeRoy Walton, who was a railroad station agent,

and of Mrs. Velma James Walton who lives at Walnut Grove. Her sisters are still residents of Mississippi also, Mrs. W. C. Russell (Lucille) living in Jackson and Mrs. Carl S. Fountain (La Vern) living in Forest.

Miss Walton graduated from Walnut Grove High School, attended Hillman College, and graduated from Mississippi College. For one year she studied at WMU Training School, Louisville, Ky.

Before beginning work with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board she taught school, served as church secretary, and was bookkeeper with several business firms. She was the first full-time church secretary at Forest Church.

Now a member of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, she was baptized at an early age at Walnut Grove Church, Leake County.

Her home at 655 Broadmoor, Jackson, reflects her skill in interior decorating. And both her home and office reveal her love for gardening, and for growing things. A green thumb she certainly has! Her African violets (as well as her friendly smile, and gracious, warm-hearted spirit) lend an aura of welcome to her office.

Of her work, Miss Walton says, "The greatest inspiration to me in working with the Baptist Foundation has been in seeing small, sacrificial gifts gradually grow, becoming ever larger. For example, I remember one man in particular who wanted to set up a \$1500 trust fund, the interest to go to the Foreign Mission Board. He kept adding a little at the time until he almost had the \$1500. Then he sold some cows and brought the money to make the final deposit on the \$1500. Though he didn't even have enough left for bus fare home, he gave the money to reach his goal."

"Others have set up funds in memory of loved ones. In memory of a World War II soldier who was killed, different members of his family have sent gifts of money on the young man's birthday and at Christmas, so that the fund is continually growing."

Billy Graham Outlines New Plans

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is taking increased responsibility, he said.

"I am sure if anything happened to me, he would succeed me," Mr. Graham said. Mr. Ford is the association's vice-president and George M. Wilson of Minneapolis is executive vice-president.

Mr. Graham said the board had discussed a presentation from Charlotte, N. C., which is seeking to become the site for a proposed evangelism center and library which the Graham association plans to build. Minnesota and Florida are among other possible sites for the center.

Mr. Graham said the proposed evangelism center would not be a place "glorifying Billy Graham" but would include a student center where seminarians and other students could come to study evangelism. He said he hopes to locate it on a site near a university on about 100 acres of land.

The evangelist said the evangelism schools are now held in connection with his crusades and draw an average attendance at each of 1,000. Each lasts about 12 days and has an interracial faculty, he said.

Mr. Ford is chairman of a committee that will spend the next year looking at possible sites for the evangelism center. He said the Dwight Eisenhower and Lyndon Johnson libraries have been studied as possible models and that the architect planning the proposed Richard Nixon library may be asked to submit plans for the evangelism center.

Mr. Graham said his association has a budget this year of about 17 million, most of which goes for televi-

sion, and it hopes to finish the year in the black. Ten years ago, the budget was less than \$4 million, he said.

Postal increases "hit us very hard," he said, and he has spoken to "some

Hinds-Madison

Plans "Staff Day"

All Baptist staff members are invited to attend Staff Day at the Hinds-Madison Associational Office, 802 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, 9:00 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., on January 18.

Leonard Wedel, pictured, director, Office of Personnel, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, will be the guest speaker.

As director of the Office of Personnel, he is responsible for developing personnel objectives, policies, and procedure for attaining optimum employment relations. The office staff counsels with organization heads in the administration of personnel functions, such as selecting and screening of qualified people for employment, scheduling employee development programs, maintaining approved salary structures, employee benefit programs, and personnel records, and for counseling with employees, providing health services, and safety programs.

of my friends in Washington" about them.

Mr. Graham said Decision is planning additional editions in Hindi and Chinese.

He also revealed that his association is considering sponsoring another World Congress on Evangelism in 1973 or 1974, with a possible site in some Third World country like India. The first such congress was held in Berlin in 1966.

Mr. Graham spent some time here studying the mail that comes to his world headquarters.

He was told that "never have so many people written in saying they are accepting Christ" and that they "want or need Christ."

So many of the letters want to know about demons and Satan that he plans to write and speak soon on the subject, he said.

He also revealed that Reader's Digest has asked him to write five new articles. One on the "six most frequent questions asked me" will appear in the Digest's 50th anniversary edition.

Mr. Graham said he believes the Jesus Movement is gaining in momentum. Although the press and TV have played up the "Jesus Freaks," he believes that 80 per cent of the people in the movement are "very serious."

Mr. Graham's new book, The Jesus Generation, sold 300,000 copies in the first two weeks after its publication.

Mr. Graham said his book points out that Christians should not expect "highs" all the time. There come times of depression and discouragement of all of God's people, he ob-

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ANNOUNCING--

Area Sunday School Enlargement Mass Motivation Meetings 1972



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EDITORIAL

The Editor Looks Backward --- And Forward

Standing at the end of an old year and at the beginning of a new, an editor is torn between two emotions. He wishes to comment on the past, and at the same time, to look at the future. The decision this time is briefly to summarize some of the events of the past year in Mississippi, and then to make without comment, some predictions concerning the new year for both Mississippi Baptists and the Southern Baptist Convention. Some of these predicted issues probably will be discussed editorially during coming months. We are not commenting concerning top stories for the SBC and in the religious world in general, since both of these are covered in news stories beginning on page one.

Top Mississippi Stories, 1971

1. Convention meets Cooperative Program goal for first time in several years.

2. Convention votes to rebuild Gulf-shore Assembly, and committee is appointed to propose plans for implementation.

3. Convention Board approves proposal of Hospital Board for erection of new \$25,000,000 Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

4. Baptism record appears from preliminary reports to be largest in several years. Spirit of revival sweeps many churches.

5. Sunday School Enlargement in 1972 and Evangelism Emphasis in 1973 set as programs for convention and churches.

6. Mississippi Youth emphasis appears to be outstanding and accelerating. Churches across state providing varied youth programs. More than 10,000 teenagers attended annual state convention youth rally. Thousands attend year-end state-wide youth convention.

7. Spirit of harmony and fellowship marks Baptist work in state. Leadership expects 1972 to be one of finest years in convention history.

Predictions for Mississippi, 1972

Making predictions is a vulnerable business, since none of us, not even editors, can foresee what is ahead. Nevertheless, we at least can make "educated guesses." The following predictions are based upon careful study of situations and conditions as we see them.

1. The promotion programs of making 1972 a year of Sunday School Enlargement and 1973 a Year of Evangelism in Mississippi, will receive more widespread support and cooperation from the churches than any state wide program in many years.

2. As a result of these promotions, and because of the general spirit of revival which has swept many of the churches, the downward trend in organizational enrollment which has existed for several years, will be halted in Mississippi this year. Advance in Sunday school enrollment and attendance will also be reflected in other organizations.

3. The meeting of the Cooperative Program budget in 1971, plus the advance programs in the churches, should enable the convention to meet

its larger budget set for 1972, including the advance section.

4. The committee appointed to study plans for the restoration of Gulfshore will, during the year, propose a plan for financing the program.

5. The advance of the 70's will gain momentum in the whole denominational program, and in the churches, and this should be one of the best years Mississippi Baptists have seen in many years.

Southern Baptists, 1972

1. The doctrinal disputes which have disturbed the convention for the past several years will continue, but possibly without the intensity of the past.

2. The Philadelphia convention should be more peaceful than the past three, yet there still are issues which could create dissension.

3. Some of the states still will face doctrinal issues on the matter of seating messengers. These will especially relate to baptism and the Lord's Supper policies of churches.

4. The Sunday School Board still will have problems in 1972 as it seeks to serve a constituency which is divided and even polarized on doctrinal issues.

5. The Broadman Commentary issue appears to have cooled down some with the appointment of a new writer for Genesis. This does not solve all problems with the commentary, but it may not be an explosive issue this year.

6. It seems questionable whether the downward trend in organizational enrollment will be reversed this year, although it could be. It is creating real concern among pastors and leaders, and they are seeking ways of changing it. However, until the theological polarization ends it may not stop. Membership and finances should continue to grow, although not with the same rapidity of the past.

7. The new independent seminary announced by a Southern Baptist leader a few months ago, will be launched, and full start with an impressive number of students for a new institution. It will not, however, appreciably effect the enrollment of the convention's seminaries.

8. The youth revival and emphasis which, during the past year, has touched much of the convention along with all other Christian groups, will continue, but will become more church oriented among Southern Baptists, despite the large non-denominational push which is scheduled for 1972.

9. Southern Baptist major concern and emphasis will continue to be on Foreign Missions. The number of missionaries under appointment should pass 2,600 during the year. (The Spring 1972 appointment meeting of the Foreign Board will be held in Jackson, Miss.)

10. The conservative emphasis of the past several years will continue, despite some efforts to move the convention more to the left.

11. While "dialogue" with other religious groups will continue by small groups within the convention, and even by some leaders, the majority of Southern Baptists will ignore them. Most

Baptists are not antagonistic to the ecumenistic efforts, but simply do not believe that this is the best way for Southern Baptists to advance the Lord's kingdom and give their witness.

12. In general, Southern Baptists will continue to see advance during 1972, but will not yet reach the outstanding progress of the mid-century period.

These, then, are predictions concerning 1972 as this editor sees them. How many will be right and how many will be wrong, can be judged as the record of the year is made.

The Baptist Record, 1972

We are not making predictions concerning The Baptist Record, but simply some announcements. We want to let you know of some of the good things that are planned for our readers during the new year. It is the determination of your entire staff to make this the best year in the 95 year history (the 96th year begins the first week in February) of the publication. Some of the things planned to help make it that are as follows:

1. More use of color; not in every issue, but more often during the year.

2. Enlarged use of the "Forum" column. We shall encourage the writing of more letters. We make three requests: 1. Deal with issues confronting Baptists. 2. Make letters short. 3. Deal with issues, not personalities.

3. More Joe McKeever cartoons will be used in the new year. Mr. McKeever, who is Minister of Evangelism of First Church, Jackson, often provides editorial cartoons for us, and provides others on special occasions. This year we also shall use from time to time a special feature comic cartoon series. It is all in good fun, and we think you will enjoy them.

4. A feature series upon which we are working for 1972 will present messages on Baptist doctrines by outstanding Baptist preachers of the past. While the series still is in the development stage and all of the messages have not yet been chosen, we expect to use sermons by such men as J. B. Gamewell, B. H. Carroll, George W. McDaniell, Charles H. Spurgeon, George W. Truett and others. We feel that this will be one of the most important series to appear in the Record in several years. The first message should appear within a few weeks.

These are just part of the good things in store for Baptist Record readers this year. These will be in addition to the regular news stories, editorials, pictures, features, cartoons, book and record reviews, and the many other features which have made the Baptist Record readable in the past.

We hope that every church in the Every Family Plan, and all of those on the individual subscription list will continue through the New Year. In addition we expect to add new churches to EFP and to promote enlargement of the individual subscription list.

This is 1972 as we see it, and what we are going to try to do about it at the Baptist Record.

May it be a year of God's blessing for both Mississippi and Southern Baptists!

On The MORAL SCENE...

Television can make children mean, scared, cynical, and even exhausted, according to child behavior experts testifying before the Federal Trade Commission. Dr. T. Berry Brazelton of Harvard told the FTC hearings on advertising recently that television "must have a powerful influence on the child's capacity to handle his own aggressive impulses." Brazelton, who has experimented with the effects of visual stimuli on children, said that violence and sex on television "mobilizes" aggressive impulses in youngsters, and "leaves them with no real outlet." The psychologist also said that small children become exhausted and frustrated when trying to concentrate on all the stimuli of a television program. A second witness, Dr. John Condry, of Cornell University, called for a moratorium on all television advertisements aimed at children, saying they threatened "a disaster" in child development.

"Advertisements directed toward children may seriously interfere with family life by creating conflicts between parents and children, by teaching children to be materialistic, and by disrupting the attempt to teach the child responsibility." (Greensboro Record 11-9-71)

The General Accounting Office estimated recently that one in every 20 GIs is an alcoholic and said the military was punishing them rather than giving them proper medical treatment. The GAO, a watchdog agency that reports to Congress, recommended the Pentagon move swiftly to put into effect new regulations to govern treatment of alcoholics. The GAO estimated about 5% of military men — about 130,000 men, were alcoholics, but did not say how it arrived at that figure. The agency said the armed forces lose about \$240 million a year from alcoholism, based on a cost of \$1,825 per year "for each military alcoholic." The auditors estimated, the military could save \$120 million a year by rehabilitating half of its alcoholics rather than punishing them. (Nashville Tennessean 11-3-71)



Prayer for the New Year

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Dr. Herschel Hobbs

Discusses Editorial

Dear Editor:

I just have finished reading your editorial, "Strange Issue Disturbs Baptists." I think this is excellent. It should cause some sober reflection on the part of all of us.

It is difficult to know where the narrow line between church autonomy and its relationship to other Baptist bodies lies. But it is definitely there. While any given local Baptist church can decide its own belief and practice, there is even a limit beyond which it cannot continue honestly to use the name "Baptist." At the same time, any Baptist body has the right to determine its own membership. The local church certainly exercises that right. And it belongs to any other Baptist body in the world.

May God's blessings abide upon you.

Sincerely, your friend,

H. H. HOBBS

First Baptist Church

Oklahoma City, Okla.

P.S.—There is a difference between the association trying to force a church to believe something and an association deciding whether a church, which believes and practices things that are clearly contrary to our understanding of the New Testament, has a right to be a part of the associational body.



MasterControl Commentary

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Southern Baptists' Radio-Television Commission

Reach Out And Touch

By W. Morris Ford

It has been said that the world is divided into two general classes, the haves and the have-nots. Now that is a very broad generalization, and we would all differ as to where the dividing line should be drawn. However, it will startle you clear down to your toes if you will take a hard, honest look at the "have-nots" of this world.

Recently a speaker suggested that we see what would happen if we reduced ourselves to the level of the bottom two billion people in the world. Two billion, mind you! He said we would have to cancel our cars, lights, gas, water, radios, magazines, newspapers, all of our clothing except a couple of cheap garments; almost every piece of furniture—in fact, move out of the house and live in the tool shed.

We would reduce the food supply to just enough for two very meager meals and reduce our money to five dollars in cash. There would be no insurance, no stocks, no bonds—nothing but \$5.00. Our holdings would be reduced to three acres per family where we would raise a \$300.00 crop. Of this, \$100.00 would go to the landlord. Ten per cent would go to the money lender.

Now, he said, top off 30 years of your life expectancy and you are on a par with two billion (two thousand million) people in this world. Staggering! Unthinkable! Well, we won't think about it. The picture is so stark, so painful that we will just forget it all and try to enjoy the blessings of our country.

Lottie Moon, that heroine of China, starved to death because she would not eat while her people died of hunger. She gave all she had and wasted away until she was an easy prey for death. She faced the have-nots of her community and in dying gave them something more precious than food for the body.

There are two things we can do. First, we can open our eyes and our hearts to human need, be grateful to God for abundance



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Well, it happened again — I made it through Christmas.

After thinking I couldn't possibly be ready by December 25-1 was, but not before wondering, "What's so great about Christmas, anyway?"

It's a day — or a time, depending on how soon you start it and how much you prolong it — which calls for every energy available. There's dirt to be cleaned, food to be bought, cooked, cleaned-up after, dieted away or carted around pudgily; gifts to be bought, given and received; programs to be prepared, given and/or attended; cards to be sent; decorations, Christmas trees, traditions to be added to and taken from; family gatherings to be planned; on and on the enumeration could go.

It really is a demanding, busy time, before and after. But Christmas is not simply all this rushing and hurrying around. It is not the smell of spices and seasonings whose cooking leaves a stack of dishes that are dirty. Christmas is not the glow of the tree whose decorations require as much tender loving handling as the hearts of the folks who stand in its glow, for its undecorating leaves an unbeautiful mess. Christmas is not simply all the things that have to be done before the Day and undone after the Day.

Christmas is personal — a sudden catch of breath in the excitement of belonging to God, a sigh of contentment in the presence of the folks you love so well, hope for the New Year as you anticipate staying in God's will, peace in your own heart even when you're listening to the evening news — all this, and more, because of Christ's birth, death, and resurrection.

Yes, Christmas rushes in every year whether I am ready or not. It goes away the same way. And I am happier because of it. Even in January, after the outside of Christmas has been tucked away and the newness of gifts has dulled into coziness of familiarity, and the memories of the season have been sorted out, I feel Christmas. And I don't get over it until it's time to get ready for Christmas again.

That's what's so great about Christmas. —Address: Box 9151, Jackson, Ms. 39206.

and learn to share meaningfully and effectively.

Too, we can so live, so work, so love, so teach that the have-nots will learn how to produce and to win the spiritual victory through Him who is the Bread of Life.

God is still waiting to see what can be accomplished by men who will take seriously the command, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." And who is my neighbor? The Parable of the Good Samaritan answers the question. He is my neighbor who needs what I have to share.

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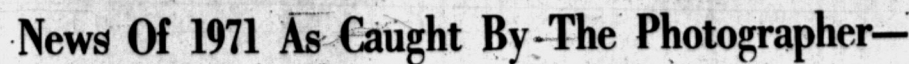
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determined that they wished to live as Jews, whether in Israel or in the Soviet Union. **THIRD PHOTO** — A new fundamentalist religious movement spread through the youth culture of America during 1971. The "Jesus people," as the movement is generally known, stress fervent emotionalism and moral strictness. Rejecting the drugs and mysticism of the 1960's, they focus their attention on Jesus. **FOURTH PHOTO** — With a huge "One Way" sign

Religion In Review for Year 1971 Points Up Shifting Patterns

was disciplined by ouster from Church of Christ for his role in Jesus movement; Charles Sweet became the sixth president of the Body Bible Institute in Chicago; C. Charles Van Ness of Elgin, Illinois elected president of the 23-year-Evangelical Press Association, aths

Two brilliant archaeologists — William F. Albright and Nelson Glueck — died in 1971, as did the world renowned theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. Death took also multi-millionaire J. Howard Pew at 89 in Philadelphia. He was the head of Sun Oil Company whose money supported many conservative evangelical causes.

Cancer took Dr. William Culbertson who only 100 days earlier had become the first Chancellor of Moody Bible Institute after he stepped down as the school's fifth president.

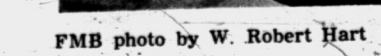
J. C. Penney, noted Christian entrepreneur, died at 95. And a man of opposite tastes, goals, and attainments, also passed from the scene — the eccentric "Prophet Jones" of Detroit.

1971 — what a year! With divine rony God reached beyond our institutions and programs to seize an assortment of disciples in unlikely clothing and vocabulary to preach His name to the lost, Secular people, like the heathen sailors on the ship to Tarshish, sought out the people of God and demanded: "How is it that you are sleeping? Get up, call on your God."

People were spiritually hungry. They had a fear of massive forces which they were not able to control. The situation opened the thinking of many to occult phenomena. It also gave Christians the opportunity to fill that void with the true message of Biblical supernaturalism.

In 1971 the Chaplain of the U. S. Senate exclaimed: "America must remain a great bastion of spiritual power," but Dr. Yu-Tang Daniel Lew, ambassador and senior adviser of the ousted Nationalist Chinese delegation to the United Nations, warned: "Unless the United States develops a spiritual ideology — returning to its historical roots as a nation 'under God' — it will not be able to stop Communist expansion." Yu-Tang believed the U.S. lost its fight to keep Taiwan in the UN because it does not have an ideology which can win men's minds and hearts.

The blue-brown watery planet kept spinning. Yet another year the Lord delayed His coming, giving each a fresh slave for a new year.



(The Prados and their grandson following Bible reading, Imanuel Baptist Church, Caracas, Venezuela)

STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT, JOHN ALEXANDER, DIRECTOR

Alicia Vereide Davison was named Churchwoman of the Year by Religious Heritage of America; and Tricia Nixon, a "birthright Quaker," wed an Episcopalian in the White House in June.

The "oldest" American died in 1971—Sylvester Magee, at age 130 years. Former Congressman Adam Clayton

SA ANTONIO (BP) — Southern Baptists in 1971 baptized the second largest number of persons in their history, the director of the Evangelism Division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board told state Baptist evangelism leaders here.

Statistical projects based on reports from more than 26,000 of the 34,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention indicate that Southern Baptists last year baptized more than 412,600 persons.

The projected number of baptisms is 43,821 above the 1970 figure, an increase of nearly 12 per cent. In the last ten years, the highest figure reported was 381,000, and most years the total was around 370,000.

The record of 429,063 was set in 1959, and the 1971 baptisms figure is the first time the number has topped 400,000 since 1961, according to Kenneth L. Chafin of Atlanta, director of the SBC Home Mission Board Evangelism Division.

Commenting on the increase, Chafin said, "There is a moving of the spirit of God in America and a new openness to the gospel of Christ.

"Some of the alternatives to Christ that looked so good a decade ago have not worked out. Instead they have begun to crumble," he continued.

"The sheer intensity and fierceness of life has begun to plow up the souls of men," Chafin said. "There is a piling up of the reverses of life and men are turning to Christ in significant numbers as they realize a personal relationship with him."

Chafin said he felt Christians need to thank God that in a time which is most difficult, there are new signs of hope for the churches.

Another major reason for the increased baptisms, he observed, is that Christians seem to be increasingly turning outward. As an example, he cited a series of "effective" grass roots training sessions sponsored by the denomination during the last two years in an effort to equip laymen to share their faith.

The evangelism lay training program was developed by the staff of the Home Mission Board's Evangelism Division, and the stage evangelism leaders who were meeting here.

Names In The News



At the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools held in Miami, Fla., Dr. E. Harold Fisher, President of Blue Mountain College, assumed the presidency of the SACS. He was also elected President of the Southern Association of Colleges for Women. Upon his return to the BMC campus, Dr. Fisher was presented an engraved silver tray from the Faculty and Staff Club. The tray was presented by the club president, Miss Mari Hubbard.

Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, two of the best-known Christian personalities in show business, will be featured guests on "Country Crossroads" for eight weeks beginning January 9. The pair will talk about their early show business activities and Roy's new career in country music during the weekly half-hour programs, produced by the SBC Radio-Television Commission.

Jerry Clower, of Yazoo City will give a testimony on the radio program, "Country Crossroads" on January 9. "Country Crossroads" is carried on the following stations: WMPA, Aberdeen, 1240; WVMI, Biloxi, Sunday, 10:30 a.m., 570; WBKH, Hattiesburg, Sunday, 1:00 p.m., 950; WVON, Iuka, Saturday, 11:30 a.m., 1270; WJQS, Jackson, Sunday, 6:30 p.m., 1400; WSJC, Magee, Tuesday, 9:00 p.m., 810; WIGG, Wiggins, Saturday, 9:00 a.m., 1420.

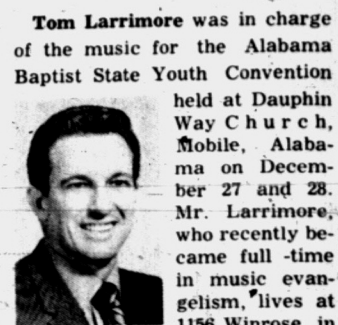
Rev. and Mrs. J. Virgil Cooper, missionary appointees, have completed orientation at Pine Mountain, Ga., and may be addressed at 907 Stanley Ave., Andalusia, Ala. 36420, until they depart Jan. 8 for Korea. Born in Water Valley, Miss. Cooper also lived in Aliceville, Ala., and Vicksburg, Miss., while growing up. Mrs. Cooper is the former Amy Gunter of Andalusia. At the time of their appointment last April, he was pastor of Tangipahoa Church, Summit.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert T. Golman, missionary appointees to Malaysia - Singapore, have completed orientation at Pine Mountain, Ga. They are scheduled to depart Jan. 8 for a year of language study in Taiwan (address: Baptist Mission, Box 427, Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China). A Mississippian, Golman was born in Franklin County.

Rev. and Mrs. James L. Kelum Jr., missionary appointees to Vietnam, have completed orientation at Pine Mountain, Ga., and are scheduled to depart Jan. 8 for the field. Their overseas address will be Baptist Mission, APO San Francisco 96204. Both are natives of Mississippi.



Neil McGaughey, junior English major and honor student at William Carey College, is shown above with Judy of the "Coffee with Judy Show" on WLBT-TV in Jackson. Neil, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Noel McGaughey of Prentiss, was guest interviewer on the program three times in recent weeks, discussing modern children's literature.



Tom Larrimore was in charge of the music for the Alabama Baptist State Youth Convention held at Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Alabama on December 27 and 28. Mr. Larrimore, who recently became full-time in music evangelism, lives at 1156 Winrose, in Jackson. Married to the former Florence Kull of Columbia, South Carolina, he has three children, Van, 18, freshman at Hinds Junior College, Ann, 12, and Jan, 9. He is a graduate of Mississippi College (B. A. degree) and New Orleans Seminary (M.R.E. and B.S.M. degrees). He has served churches in Indiana, Louisiana,

Texas, South Carolina, and Mississippi and has been used in over 200 revival meetings in many states and one foreign country.

NEW BOARD OFFICERS — The Mississippi College Board of Trustees elected new officers during its December meeting at the college. Nick Walker, Jackson insurance executive, was named president of the group. George Thornton Kosciusko attorney, was elected vice-president, while Dr. Bob Ramsay, pastor of Calvary Church, Tupelo, was elected secretary. The Board is composed of 15 members elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

William Carey College's new admissions recruiter is professional baseball player, Johnny Stephenson. Back on the Hatties-

burg campus of his alma mater, Stephenson will be associated with the school's administrative staff until spring baseball training begins for him during the last of February. "Stephenson will be representing us in high schools on the coast and in areas not too distant from Hattiesburg," commented President J. Ralph Nock. "He will be working directly with our Director of Admissions, Bryan Brand." A 1963 graduate of Carey College, Stephenson was an outstanding college athlete. He immediately signed a professional contract with the New York Mets and played with them until 1967 when he was sold to the Chicago Cubs. From there he went to the New York Giants and then to the California Angels where he played this past year. He is married to another Carey former student, the former Sally Larson. The couple has two daughters, Julie and Leslie.

Miss Lynn Prickett was scheduled to arrive Nov. 20 for a two-year term of service as a missionary journeyman in Yemen (address: Box 404, Taiz, Yemen). She was originally assigned to Nigeria. The daughter of a navy chaplain, Miss Prickett was born in Tupelo, Miss., and lived in several states while growing up including New Jersey, Rhode Island and Mississippi.

Miss Cynthia LaVerne Tope, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Charles A. Tope, missionaries to Uganda, was married Dec. 28 to James Michael Jensen at First Church, Biloxi. The bride has completed three years at Mary Hardin - Baylor College, Belton, Texas.

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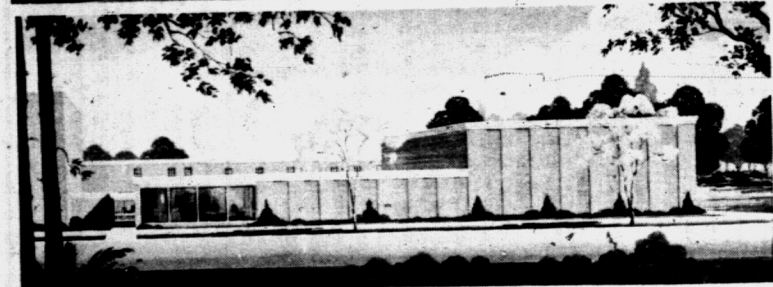
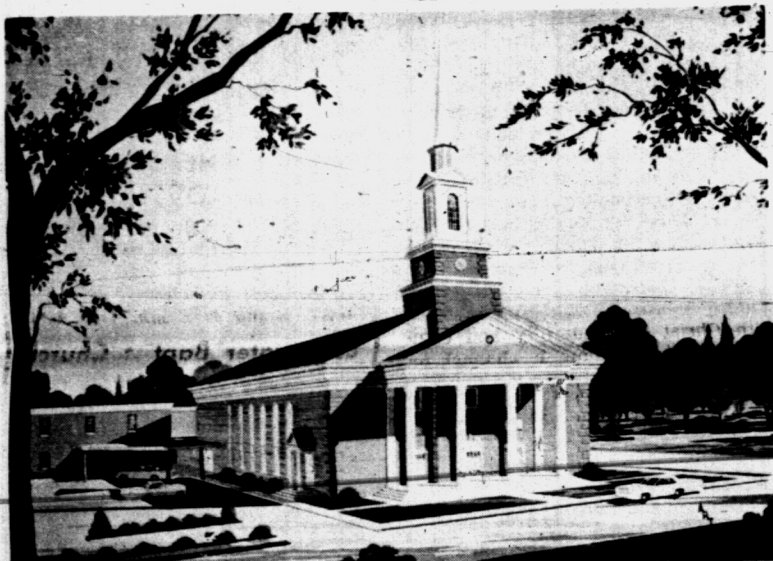
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First, Brookhaven, Approves Final Building Plans



First, Brookhaven plans to build a new sanctuary (top photo) and Family Life Center (bottom photo).

The congregation of First Church, Brookhaven has approved final plans for the \$1,500,000 expansion program and renovation of the existing buildings as presented by the Building Committee. Contracts have been awarded to Paul Jackson General Construction, general contractor; Brookhaven Mechanical Contractors, mechanical contractor; and Harwell Electrical Contractors, electrical contractor.

C. H. Lipsey is chairman of the Building Committee comprised of Millard E. Smith, Orville Price, W. D. Lotson, Jr., Frank Burns, Mrs. W. E. Smith and Mrs. Max Thornhill.

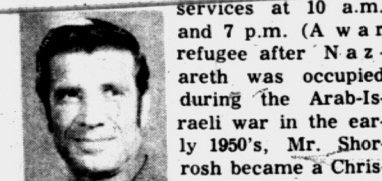
The building program includes the purchase of additional property within the block bounded by First and Monticello Streets which has already been done and the buildings have been removed; construction of a new sanctuary to seat 1400 people with this sanctuary to be located on the corner of First and Monticello Streets; the construction of a Family Life Center which will serve as an activities facility for every member of every family in the church. This facility would contain a gymnasium area for basketball, volleyball, skating, etc.; bowling lanes; game room; arts and crafts room; lounge; snack bar; health room; and office space. Also included in the plans is the remodeling of the present sanctuary and educational space. The present sanctuary will be converted into a chapel and additional educational space. The program also

has provisions for a new music suite, new nursery space, and dining facilities for 400.

"The year 1972 is the Centennial year for First Baptist Church," said Rev. P. A. Michel, pastor. "It is very fitting that we begin Century II with a magnificent spiritual oasis in downtown Brookhaven. Construction has already begun," he concluded.

Revival Dates

Meadville Church: January 9-16; Evangelist Anis Shorosh (pictured), native of Nazareth, Israel; Rev. Jerry Slonaker, pastor; services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. (A war refugee after Nazareth was occupied during the Arab-Israeli war in the early 1950's, Mr. Shorosh became a Christian while living in Jordan. Through



help of American missionaries, he came to America in 1953, where he graduated from Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. Formerly pastor in Jerusalem, he and his wife and four children live in Mobile, Alabama. In recent years he has preached three times in around-the-world preaching missions.)

First Church, Gulfport: January 9-16; Angel Martinez, evangelist; Jimmy Snellen, singer; services Sundays at 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; mornings 10 a.m. Tuesday-Friday; evenings 7:30, Monday-Sat.; Dr. John H. Traylor, pastor.

First Church, Houston, Raises \$100,000 In Campaign For Foreign Missions

HOUSTON (BP)—First Baptist Church here has raised more than \$100,000 for foreign missions causes through what was billed as "the world's first mission telethon."

The missions effort, a part of Southern Baptist's annual Lottie Moon Offering for foreign missions, was attributed by the church's pastor, John Bisagno, with encouraging "almost every Baptist church in Houston to set a higher offering goal than ever before. It's climatized our community," he said.

First Baptist Church spearheaded a city-wide missions appeal, Operation HIM (Houston Involved in Missions). Three 90-minute programs featuring missionaries, well-known Christian musicians and the church's choir and orchestra were broadcast live from Houston Baptist College for three nights on KHTV, Channel 39. People were invited to call in their pledges.

"The live broadcasts," said Bisagno, "let Houstonians see the missionaries and hear them describe the needs of the people they serve."

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By Clifton J. Allen

The Lesson Explained

Association With Outcasts

Verses 5:29-32

Luke 5:27-32; 7:11-23, 36-50; 10:25-37

This lesson gathers together the account of a number of incidents in the ministry of Jesus. It also concentrates attention on a characteristic of the Gospel of Luke. This gospel magnifies Jesus' compassion for persons in distress. His ministry on earth was compassion in action. His purpose for Christians now is that they shall be servants of mankind with compassion for all persons in need and distress. The passages in the larger Bible lesson tell of Jesus' compassion for outcasts, for a grief-stricken widow, for a sinful woman, and for all the victims of the world's mistreatment and injustice and greed. The world is a neighborhood. Christians are to strive to help every person in need.



From the beginning of his ministry, Jesus showed his compassion for every kind of person. His compassion included even the publicans. Jewish tax collectors who were despised and counted as traitors because they were servants of the hated Romans. Any person willing to alienate himself from his own people to the extent of serving the Roman government would like to do so only to satisfy his own unscrupulous greed. But Jesus saw the person, not his job or his social status or his race. He had compassion for Levi (probably Matthew) even though he was a publican. Levi needed understanding, friendship, forgiveness, and new life. Hence he responded to Jesus' compassion and Jesus' call, "Follow me."

It is not surprising that Levi made a great feast or held a reception in honor of his new Master, inviting his

former friends, publicans and sinners, to his house. Levi was celebrating his joy in beginning a new life, expressing his gratitude for the friendship of Jesus and the new life received from him, and wanting to introduce Jesus to his outcast friends. The Pharisees and scribes were quick to murmur against Jesus and his disciples. It was unthinkable to associate with publicans and sinners! But Jesus was completely at home with them, because he had compassion on them, because he recognized their moral and spiritual need, their capacity for repentance, and their willingness to receive his forgiveness and friendship. The Pharisees and scribes had no sense of need; hence Jesus could do nothing to help them. With infinite love, Jesus called sinners to repentance. Some accepted his call; they accepted his friendship; they entered into his kingdom.

Compassion For A Widow In Grief Verses 7:11-17

This striking incident is reported only by Luke. This is one of the sev-

eral incidents reported in the Gospel which show the compassion of Jesus for women. The only son of a widow had died and was being carried out to burial. The sight of this widowed mother in deep grief aroused Jesus' compassion. He spoke words of consolation to the mother, after which he stopped those bearing the body, raised the young man to life, and restored him to his mother. What Jesus did showed his divine power. Those following with him and the crowd of townspeople were struck with awe. They sensed that they were in the presence of a prophet who has come from God, though they little understood the full meaning of the words they spoke glorifying God for what they had seen. They understood even less the immeasurable love and compassion which had led the Son of God to come from heaven to earth to visit his people and to save them from their sins. It was love like this which caused the Son to come and manifest the Father's love for all people, everywhere that we might receive the for-

givenness of sins and know the joy of eternal life.

Jesus, Friend Of Sinners

Jesus was not ashamed to be known as the friend of sinners. He was willing to eat with them. He never shunned them or shrank from them. He sought them out and manifested his love toward them. He received them kindly and accepted them as persons of infinite worth. Even so, he was not driven away from man because of unbelief or ugliness, because of corruption and lust or physical hideousness from leprosy. Jesus did not reject those who hated him but rather wept with tenderest compassion for those who would not receive his mercy and salvation. Jesus was willing to receive the devotion and gratitude of the worst sinner. His compassion knew no limit. He came to seek and to save all who were lost.

Truths to Live By

Christian compassion is required for Christian ministry. — This applies, first of all, in trying to win lost persons to faith in Jesus Christ. There ought to be agonizing concern for those who are lost because of their plight under God's wrath against sin. Another kind of Christian ministry desperately calls for Christian compassion. This applies to persons who are alcoholics, to drug addicts, and to persons who are helplessly enmeshed in delinquency or crime or revolutionary extremism and activity. Such persons are no longer exceptional in our society. Churches and individual Christians alike are blind to reality if they fail to open their eyes to the increasing number of alcoholics, users of hurtful drugs, criminals, sex perverts, and persons given over to rebellion and perversion and violence.

Compassion can never be counterfeited. — Christian compassion calls for identification with those whom one would help, for involvement in their trouble, for willingness to see their viewpoint, for a willingness to be classed with them without shame to ward them but with respect for them. This is the kind of compassion that reflects the Christlike spirit and opens doors of communication, and opens the way to help someone in need.

Christian compassion springs from oneness with Christ. — Oneness with Christ means yieldedness to him in complete self-giving. It means a willingness to suffer with him in order to help other persons. It means a willingness to be possessed by his Spirit and therefore under his leadership and control to do whatever will honor Christ. It means a willingness to fill the role of servant in representing Christ, not for any selfish gain but in order to manifest the love of Christ to other persons. When we become one with Christ with humility and commitment, we become a channel for his compassion to reach hard hearts and reclaim persons who will be examples of his saving power and agents of his saving work.

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Silver Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Anthony celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary November 28 with open house at Dublin Church, Jeff Davis County, where Mr. Anthony is pastor. The church presented them with a silver coffee and tea service set (shown above). The couple also received many other gifts from friends and relatives who were guests for the event.

First, Clinton Seeks Pictures Of Former Pastors

First Church, Clinton, is in the process of securing pictures of its former pastors. The history of the church reaches back to 1852, but they have already secured pictures of all but five of them. Some of these pictures are not the best in clarity since they have been taken from old copies of the Baptist Record and other historical documents.

The church through its pastor, Dr. Russell M. McIntire, and its historian, Dr. R. A. McEmore, is requesting help in securing the needed pictures or better pictures than they now have. They are in need of pictures or information concerning the following former pastors:

Rev. L. B. Holloway (1852-1855)
Rev. D. E. Burns (1856-1858)
Rev. J. B. Hamberlin (1859-1861)
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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

"Except Ye Repent, Ye Shall All Likewise Perish"

Luke 13:1-35

By Bill Duncan

The last sermon by Jesus before the event of Luke 13:1-3 was on judgment. This must have brought to the mind of some the prevalent doctrine that all suffering is due to sin. So, like in the book of Job, some thought if persons like the Gallileans suffered a terrible death, then they must have done something terrible. When they thought of judgment, they always pointed to such events instead of thinking that something could happen to them. They judged the other person without judging themselves. Jesus' messages apply to us all. These hearers, like so many, missed the point of the sermon because of refusal to apply it to self.

The two disasters (the death of the sacrificial and the victims of the tower in Siloam) have no definite historical reference and we can only speculate about them. The Gallileans were always liable for political trouble because they were highly inflammable people. Barclay tells of an incident where a large number of people lost their lives. Jerusalem needed a new water system and Pilate pro-

posed to build it with certain Temple money. The Jews became outraged at the idea. When the mobs gathered, there were soldiers mingled with them, armed with knives. At a given signal, they were to fall on the mob and dispense them. This was done and the violence got out of hand. Certainly Gallileans would be involved. The incident involving the deaths of eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell is very obscure.

To say that these people died because they sinned is cruel. Jesus utterly denied it in the case of every individual person. People suffer because they sin, but often it is the most.

Jesus used this as the occasion to say that if his hearers did not repent they too would perish. What did he mean by that? Hobbs said that there are two possible ideas:

(1) If the Jewish people did not change their rebellious minds and attitudes, their entire nation would likewise be destroyed. This did happen in 70 A.D.

(2) On an individual basis, the failure to repent would result in the loss of their spiritual freedom and in the eternal destruction of separation. There was no need to try and explain why something happens. It was repentance that was needed, lest they also perish.

The nation and the individual that chooses the wrong ways will in the end suffer for it. Sometimes individuals get caught in the middle of things. They are tested by life to see the value of their worth. The Christian should see suffering as an opportunity to show a witness. The only way for a nation or an individual to choose a different road after a wrong choice is to repent. Repentance is the act of changing one's mind toward God. This will put one on a different plane of life. The nation must repent at once if it is to escape destruction. The individual must repent at once if he is to reach his potential with God.

There is the idea of the second chance, but the threat of the last chance. Jesus told the story of a man who planted a fig tree in his vineyard. In time, the man came seeking fruit but found none. But three years he had sought fruit and found none, so he ordered the tree to be cut down. It simply occupied space and made the ground unproductive. But the vineyarder of the vineyard asked for another year to try to make the tree fruitful. If after this added opportunity it bore no fruit, then it might be cut down. And so it was.

This is obviously a reference to the Jewish nation. It had failed to bear fruit, but in the attitude of Jesus is another chance. As a nation, the Jews

did not repent, but many individuals did. The destruction of the Jewish nation and Jerusalem was terrible in 70 A.D.

Many nations and individuals have failed to heed the warning of Jesus. "They stand as a sad memorial to teach us the need for repentance." When one has had special favor and treatment, it makes it even more difficult. There comes a time when by deliberate choice people have shut God out of their lives.

Repent or perish! This is not an arbitrary ministerial pronouncement. The sinner either repents of his sin and experiences deliverance from destruction, or he perishes under sin's destructive power. Most of us are not disposed to repent, indeed not many of us. Therefore, we need the vigorous moral challenge of this scripture lesson. The gospel has an urgency in the message.

The time for repentance is limited and the door is always being shut. The time is short; it may be later than one thinks. The way of salvation is a door which God opens and man enters on the only terms on which entrance is possible — humility creates the climate friendly to repentance and faith. Pride only produces self-complacency and self-sufficiency. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."



Several of those attending the Jackson County Executive Committee Meeting were, from left: Rev. Byron Mathis, pastor Calvary Church, Pascagoula; Rev. Zeno Wells, superintendent of missions; Dr. Foy Rogers, Director of Cooperative Missions Department; Dr. Russell Bennett, Atlanta, of Home Mission Board, and Rev. W. C. Burns, pastor First Church, Gautier.

Jackson Association To Study Means Of Meeting Growing Needs

A meeting has been held of the Executive Committee of the Jackson County Baptist Association for the purpose of discussing possibilities of a special study of needs and ministries of the association in the light of its tremendous growth possibilities.

Meeting with the group was Dr. Foy Rogers, director of Cooperative Missions Department and Dr. Russell Bennett of the Home Mission Board. They discussed plans for a retreat of several days for study in which a strategy to meet the needs of the fast-growing section will be made.

Several figures reveal the tremendous growth and potential of the area. In 1950 Jackson County had a population of 31,401 but in 1970 it had grown to 85,471.

Time To Live

Tomorrow you will live, tomorrow, you are always saying. Tell me, when does that "tomorrow" of yours arrive? How distant is that tomorrow? Where is it? Or in what quarter should we look for it? Tomorrow will you live? To live today is already too late. He is wise, whoever he be, who "lived" yesterday. — Martial (A.D. 40-102)

"The man that I want to be is so much better than the man I am, that the man I am can never be the man I want to be." — Edwin Hughes.

The number of households in the county is projected to increase from 25,000 in 1970 to about 51,000 in 1985.

The largest absolute increase in households will be among "young families," with the head of the household under 35 years of age. This group will gain 1,900 in 5 years.

Housing Demands — 1970-1985: An increase of 50% in overall new housing demands in the years 1970-74. An estimated demand for 1,800 housing units a year from 1970-74 and 2,000 per year from 1975-1985.

Mrs. Jolley Dies

Mrs. C. R. Jolley, age 84, died Friday December 24, following a long illness. She was a native of Leake County but had lived in Clinton and Jackson for the last 45 years. She leaves eight children, five daughters and two sons. Her funeral was held Monday, Dec. 26 at 10 a.m. from Baldwin Funeral Home and burial was in the Lakewood Cemetery. (One of Mrs. Jolley's sons, Rev. G. E. Jolley, of Batesville, is superintendent of missions, Panola County.)

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The program is designed to offer inspiration, information, and plain old fellowship. Supper at 6 p.m. on Friday, January 28, will mark the beginning of the retreat and three o'clock Saturday will see the close of this very special event.

Missionary speaker for the retreat will be Mrs. Don Phlegar of Thailand. She and her husband served as missionaries of the Home Mission Board in California before going to Thailand.

There will be no cost to the pastors' wives attending this retreat; however, it is necessary that we have pre-registration. If you can attend, be sure to write the WMU Office, Box 530, Jackson, 39205.

If you have a young pastor's wife in your church, perhaps you could arrange for someone to babysit with her children while she is away from home. Or maybe she would need transportation to Clinton. You'll be glad—and she'll be glad—if she attends this retreat.

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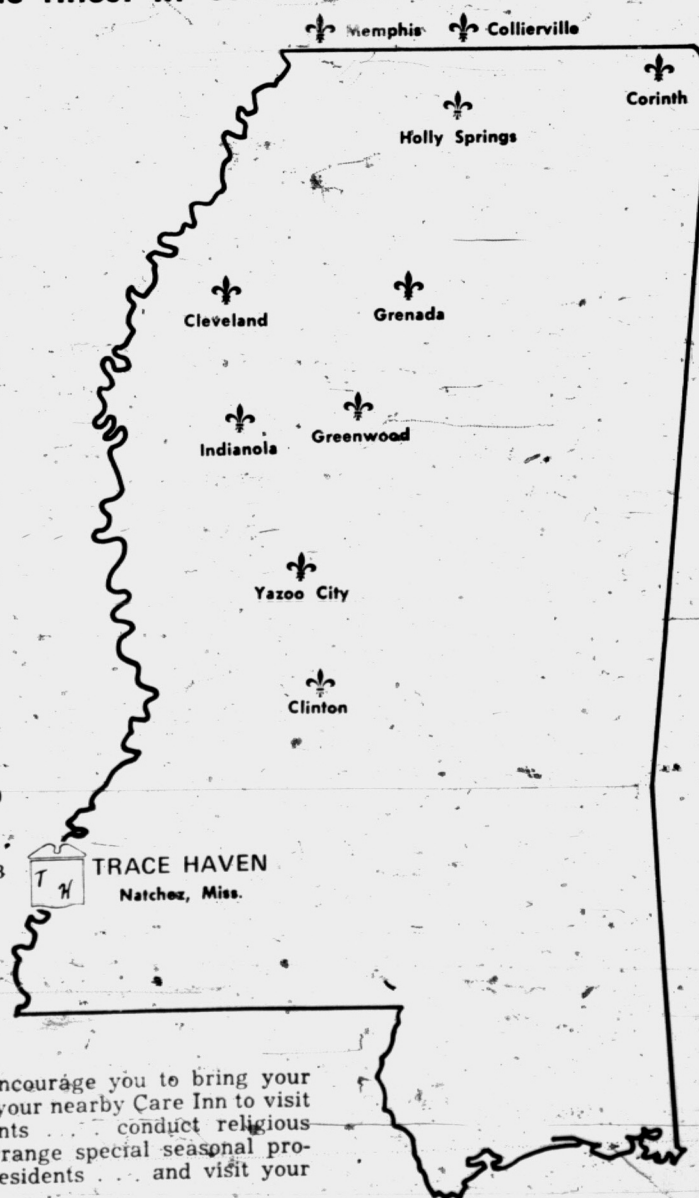
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Jupiter Breaks Ground For Sanctuary

Jupiter Church, south of D'Lo, recently broke ground for a new sanctuary. The new sanctuary will replace the one that has served the church since its organization in 1923. The old building was used for years as a school house and was a landmark in the community. Services have been held in the fellowship hall of the educational building erected five years ago and will continue to be held there until the new building is complete. When completed the entire structure will form a "T" shape; it will accommodate 150. Shown in the picture: the Building Committee, composed of Rev. G. A. McCoy, pastor, chairman; Joe Welch, Luther Welch, Lloyd Jones, Joe Allen-Benton, and "Pete" Sullivan. Also in the picture are charter members, J. M. Benton, Sr., Miss Salina Benton, and Mrs. N. F. Williamson.



Columbus Youth Present "Emmanuel"

YOUTH OF First Church, Columbus, presented *Emmanuel*, a ninety-minute drama about the birth of the Christ child in Bethlehem. Twenty characters participated. The drama was directed by Octavia Applewhite, youth director. Left to right: Front row: Mike Killough-Shepherd; Charles Henry Shelton-King Herod; Cynthia McCarty-Mary; Back row: Jim Beatty-Young Man; Mark Gooch-Joseph. (Photography by Mark Gooch)



Minister To Senior Citizens

The Meadville Baptist Young Women have a Mission Action Project that means a lot to 60 senior citizens. The Baptist Young Women sponsor a birthday party for the residents of Myrick's Meadville Nursing Home each month. All residents who have a birthday in that given month are honored with a card, cake and punch made by the B.Y.W. members. Each special holiday something is added for each resident of the home. For Christmas old socks were trimmed with rick-rack and braid to make them look like a Christmas stocking, then the stockings were stuffed with usable items and a candy cane. Members of the B.Y.W. are: Jackie Smith, Betty Oglesby, Hilda Peeler, Diane Harris, Linda Martin, Patsy Tindle and Carol Vandever.



Miss Annie Ward Byrd To Retire

Miss Annie Ward Byrd (right), native Mississippian, who will retire from the Sunday School Board as senior editorial coordinator in January, displays the plaque given her in special recognition of her proficiency and tenure at the board. Miss Byrd's responsibilities include maintenance of editorial scheduling for all the board's periodical publications and Convention Press manuscripts. Shown with her in the reference area of the board's Dargan-Carver Library are James L. Sullivan (left), executive secretary-treasurer, and Allen B. Comish, director of the church services and materials division. (BP Photo)

Off The Record

A Chinese servant asked permission of his master to attend the funeral of a close friend.

"I suppose," said the master, "that you will follow the old Chinese custom and put food on his grave."

"Yes, sir," was the reply. Laughing, the man said, "And when do you suppose the food will be eaten?"

The Chinese, angered by the ridicule of his belief, answered, "As soon as the friend you buried last week smells the flowers you put on his grave."

"Were the kings of Israel rich or poor?" asked the teacher.

One boy answered, "I think they were poor, because the Bible says they slept with their fathers. If they had been rich they would have had beds of their own."

The baby sardine was happily swimming in the ocean near his mother when he saw his first submarine and was terribly frightened. "Don't worry, dear," assured his mother, "it's just a can of people."

First, Summit Recognizes Faithful Teacher

J. O. Dampier, Bible teacher for the Men's Bible Class of First Church, Summit for the past 35 years, was presented a beautifully engraved plaque recognizing his dedication and service by the members of his class on December 19.

The pastor, Rev. Larry W. Fields, the director of the School of Christian Education, John I. Hurst, and the Adult IV director, H. T. Huddleston, also spoke briefly concerning the recognition.

The Men's Bible Class is a class made up of senior men, 60 and above. The class has always been active in all phases of church work and has usually set the pace in such areas as attendance and contributions to the church.

McDonald Religion Editor Arkansas Daily

LITTLE ROCK (BP)—Erwin L. McDonald, who recently announced his plans to retire as editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine here on Jan. 1, 1972, will become religion editor of the Arkansas Democrat, the afternoon newspaper here.



BMC Group Visits Baptist Building

A class in religious education from Blue Mountain College, under the leadership of Dr. James L. Travis, professor of Bible, recently visited the Baptist Building in Jackson in the interest of the "in-service training" program into Baptist work sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department, Dr. Foy Rogers, director, who is seated in center of front row. Rev. Therman Bryant, Department associate who directs this work, is seated at right end of row, with Dr. Travis between them.



Outstanding Service In Bible Teaching

First Church, Tupelo awarded copies of "Haley's Handbook" to W. A. Breedlove and Miss Nora Williams for outstanding service in Bible teaching. Miss Williams has been teaching in the children's age division for 61 years and at First Church, Tupelo for 42 years. Mr. Breedlove, has been teaching in the Sunday School at First Church, Tupelo for 47 years. Left to right: Rev. Billy Nimmons, pastor; Mr. Breedlove, Miss Williams, and Bill Yarbrough, Sunday School director.)

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"The Bible Speaks On Citizenship And Authority"
"Ethics In The Book Of Job"
3:40 P.M. Adjourn

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Dr. Joe H. Tuten - Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson
Dr. Thomas J. Delaughter - Professor, Old Testament and Hebrew, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Dr. J. Hardee Kennedy - Professor, Old Testament and Hebrew, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Dr. Charles Myers - Pastor, Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson
Dr. Wm. W. Stevens - Chairman, Division of Religion, Mississippi College
Dr. Donald Ackland - Retired, Former Editor, Sunday School Board, Nashville
Dr. Jerry Breazeale - Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bogalusa, La.

Dates	Places	Speakers
January 6	Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian	Myers, Delaughter, Tuten
January 10	William Carey College, Hattiesburg	Stevens, Delaughter, Tuten
January 11	First Baptist Church, Biloxi	Myers, Breazeale, Tuten
January 12	First Baptist Church, Cleveland	Stevens, Breazeale, Myers and Tuten
January 13	Mississippi College, Clinton	Stevens, Kennedy, Tuten
January 17	First Baptist Church, Brookhaven	Stevens, Ackland, Tuten
January 24	First Baptist Church, Louisville	Stevens, Ackland, Tuten
January 25	First Baptist Church, Grenada	Stevens, Ackland, Myers
January 27	Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain	

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First Prize Announced In Hospital Decoration Contest

The carols of Christmas were depicted upon the doors of the laboratory at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, winning first prize in the hospital's annual decoration contest. On this door, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was equated with equipment in the hospital which can test a patient's blood in twelve different ways. Judges,

from left, included Pat Seabrook, owner of Seabrook Paint Company; Mrs. J. W. Underwood, president of the Mississippi Art Association and wife of a member of the hospital board; and Miss Renna Johnston, a Jackson interior designer.

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served.

He added that some people have exploited the Jesus movement, citing Jesus sweatshirts, Holy Ghost mirrors and other trinkets.

He said he had not endorsed the rock musical, "Jesus Christ, Superstar," feeling that some of its lyrics bordered on blasphemy. He also lamented its absence of any reference to the Resurrection.

At the same time, he said if the musical causes people to study about Jesus it would be "all to the good." Leighton Ford, he said, told him that three people have been converted to Christ through "Superstar."

Mr. Graham said he had not yet decided whether he will conduct a crusade in Rome. If he does go to Italy, he added, he will not abide by the suggestion of conservative fundamentalist group of Protestants that he not see the Pope before, during or after his crusade.

Mr. Graham also said he hopes to be out of the country during next fall's political campaign in order to avoid political involvement.

The Home Mission Board began mission work among the American Indians in 1855, and today there are 128 appointed missionaries serving among these first Americans.

No amount of riches can atone for poverty of character.

Devotional

God's EPIC Poem

By W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary, MBCB

"We are His workmanship. . . . Ephesians 2:10
The word translated here as "workmanship" literally is "Poem" or "Handiwork." It is found only one other time in the New Testament. Paul uses it in Romans 1:20 when he speaks of creation as God's divine poem or handiwork. As it is used in these two places it means anything coming from the hand of the artist or the artisan that is strikingly beautiful, attractive or striking. It could be a painting, a tapestry, a statue or a building. Indeed, it could be a piece of priceless jewelry.

As the word is used here in Ephesians it refers to the creation of Christian character. . . . Truly God's epic poem, as it comes from His own hand through Christ the Son.

First, the poem itself. It is a creation, not of man, but of God. Christian character begins with a Christian and only the regenerative power of God through the Holy Spirit can produce a Christian. That axiom should settle forever the contention of the humanist that man's salvation depends on what man does for and of himself. And, being the creation of God, the Christian is the possession of God. This creation on the part of God, as was the creation of the world, is through the person of the Son, Jesus Christ. In the first 9 verses of Ephesians 2, Paul makes very clear that we are saved by God's grace, but through faith in the accomplishments of His Son, Jesus Christ. We are God's poem, fabricated by the cross-scarred hands of the atoning Savior.

Second, the purpose of the creation. The Christian is not a piece of artistry to be admired and treasured by a select few; he is a beloved member of God's adopted family through whom the love and compassion of the creator is projected. Look at the remainder of the verse: "created in Christ Jesus for good works." It is assuring for the Christian to know that he is a "poem" from divine hands, but it takes a great deal of determination to live out what God has wrought in Christians. Christians are not only to be; they are to do. Paul in one place in his writings speaks thus: "Now perform the DOING of it." Truly, God expects something from his creation. Jesus stated it succinctly when, in John 15, he said: "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear MUCH fruit."

In this New Year of 1972 let us rejoice that we are God's handiwork, but let us produce, by and through our actions, much fruit for the Kingdom.